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FOR USDOC/NOAA (IA AND DR. CRESSMAN)

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SUBJECT: DRAFT METEOROLOGICAL AGREEMENT FOR COLOMBIA

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1. EDDLEMAN AND COURTNEY ACCOMPANIED EMBASSY OFFICIALS TO MEETING WITH DR. ECHEVERRI AND FOREIGN OFFICE PERSONNEL APRIL 5, 1976. THE GOC PRESENTED A COUNTER-PROPOSAL TO OUR PROPOSED BILATERAL AGREEMENT. THIS WILL BE RECEIVED OFFICIALLY IN NEXT FEW DAYS AND TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND RESPONSE. WE COULD NOT OBTAIN COMMITMENT TO RETURN TO TWO OBSERVATION PER DAY AT SAN ANDRES UNLESS WE PROVIDE SUPPLIES FOR TWO PER DAY AT BOGOTA.

2. THE COUNTER-PROPOSAL, IN BRIEF, WOULD REQUIRE NOAA/NWS TO PROVIDE GMD AND ELECTROLYTIC GENERATOR AT BOGOTA, THREE YEARS' EXPENDABLES FOR BOTH STATIONS, TWO UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS IN SYNOPTIC METEOROLOGY AND MAINTENANCE TRAINING FOR TWO COLOMBIAN TECHNICIANS IN THE U.S. AT THE END OF THREE YEARS, DECEMBER 31, 1978, ALL GROUND EQUIPMENT, SPARE PARTS AND TEST EQUIPMENT WOULD BECOME THE PROPERTY OF GOC AND THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT WOULD TERMINATE.

3. WE ADVISED DR. ECHEVERRI THAT HIS COUNTER-PROPOSAL WOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN RECEIVED OFFICIALLY AND
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DID NOT INDICATE WHAT OUR RESPONSE MIGHT BE. HOWEVER,

WE DID STATE THIS WOULD TAKE SOME TIME AND THAT SUPPLY OF EXPENDABLES FOR BOGOTA COULD NOT BE RESUMED UNTIL AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED.

4. WE WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF OUR PROPOSAL AS COLOMBIANS WISHED TO FOCUS DISCUSSION OF THEIR PROPOSAL. IT IS EDDLEMAN'S OPINION THAT ANYTHING LESS THAN OUR TOTAL ACCEPTANCE OF GOC COUNTER-PROPOSAL WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO DR. ECHEVERRI.

5. SCHEDULED VISIT TO SAN ANDRES BY CALLAHAN AND OTHERS FOR HURRICANE SURVEY MUST BE CANCELLED AS VISIT AT THIS TIME MIGHT INDICATE DEPENDENCE ON THAT STATION'S CONTINUED OPERATION.

6. EDDLEMAN RECOMMENDS THAT SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE VISIT BY HOSMER TO SAN ANDRES BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.

7. EDDLEMAN PLANS DEPARTURE FOR CARACAS ON SCHEDULE.
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